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'Launch the fleet' day shows off wing's capabilities

By Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The quiet of mid-morning ended May 24 as seven C-130 Hercules aircraft took off from the Yokota flightline for "launch the fleet day."

Members of the 36th Airlift Squadron, 374th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 374th Operations Support Squadron came together, ensuring all the pieces, from maintenance support, aircrew planning and execution to elements of life support and training, fell into place for the mission.

According to the 374th AMXS sortie generation flight commander, 2nd Lt. Nick Morgans, mission preparation began weeks before the launch to ensure the aircraft were ready to fly.

"Once we started the final preparations of the aircraft 24 hours prior to the launch, everything went smoothly because of the hard work and expertise of our maintainers," said Lieutenant Morgans.

While coordinating with the maintainers to make sure enough aircraft were available, Capt. Allen Shew, 36th AS central scheduling chief, worked with crew schedulers to ensure proper makeup of the crews for the best use of experience levels and qualifications.

"Planning this kind of mission takes expertise and long hours," said Lt. Col. Bill Summers, 36th AS commander. "The formation's

lead planner was Capt. Jim Burgess, chief of 374th OSS tactics. His graduation from the C-130 weapons course enabled him to put a complex training plan together that was both safe and challenging for the aircrew."

Maj. Miklos Kiss, 374th AMXS commander, emphasized team effort was key to the mission's success, but also took time to highlight individuals for outstanding achievement.

"Tech. Sgt. Mike Edie spearheaded the loading of live munitions on six of the aircraft and was responsible for training two-dozen other career fields of Airmen to help with the task. Staff Sgt. Jonathan Kolasinski worked 12-hour shifts loading protective armor on three C-130s. During aircraft generation, we had a propeller valve housing change on one of our planes and Staff Sgt. Ken Green's engine troops did an awesome job replacing that item, ensuring we had the seventh plane," said Major Kiss.

"We executed this event like a war-time tasking with the squadron getting a cold-start tasking 24-hours the day before and our maintainers made it happen," added the major. "Master Sgt. Steven Fuentes, our production superintendent, mapped out a seven-ship generation flow plan to gas, inspect, repair, load and seal the aircraft. The busiest man on the flightline is our flightline expeditor, Tech. Sgt. Robert Gardner. His job is to match people with airplanes as the situation dictates, and with 40-year-old planes, he stays very busy."

According to Colonel Summers, the 374th Operations Group led from the front literally, with the 374th OG, 36th AS and 374th OSS commanders crewing the lead aircraft for the entire mission. The 36th AS Life Support and Aircrew Resource Management System (ARMS) personnel also provided exceptional support in launching the mission.

"The life support troops ensured all essential equipment, from helmets to emergency oxygen masks were ready," said Colo-



photo by Yasuo Osakabe

Above, seven C-130 Hercules stationed here taxi down the base flightline for "launch the fleet day" May 24. Left, the seven-ship formation flies over the Yokota flightline.

nel Summers. "The ARMS office prepared communications security equipment, aircrew orders and ensured pre- and post-mission paperwork were accomplished, providing credit for training for our aircrews."

"Launch the fleet" day provided members across Yokota the opportunity to see the wing's core mission in action and Major Kiss expanded on why the mission was launched.

"This is why we joined the Air Force. Putting airplanes in the sky is what makes the Air Force different from all other services ... it's what we do best," said the major. "Launching a seven-ship is a lot like a triathlon with its intensity in different phases, and in the end you feel great about winning. I believe these mass launches are becoming a lost art. You just don't see them that often, but they are still relevant. America needs to have the capability of putting paratroops and

cargo on target, and a string of C-130s stretching two miles can do just that.

"The only way aviators and maintainers get that proficient at these kinds of missions is by getting the team together and practicing. I'm proud to be part of a strong operations-maintenance team that can launch a fleet so smoothly. It's hard work but we get a morale boost by showing the wing what we can do."

While the mission was originally only scheduled as a six-ship formation, the maintainers pushed it up a notch and gave seven, said Captain Shew. The pride in seeing seven C-130s take off together in formation was felt by many on the flightline but one individual expressed it best.

"It is always nice to see your hard work pay off," said Lieutenant Morgans. "No one expressed this feeling more than Sergeant Fuentes when he stood at attention and saluted the seventh aircraft as it took off."



photo by Airman 1st Class Laszlo Babocsi

Officers' Club, marketing office claim best in Air Force

By Capt. Warren Comer
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Two units within the 374th Mission Support Group's Services Division won Air Force-level awards for outstanding customer support and unique innovations that set them apart from other bases.

The Officers' Club and Marketing office won the awards for instituting programs like the "U Matter Most!" customer appreciation campaign and hosting more than 1,200 people for the Air Force Ball.

Services Division officials said the award is a reflection of the hard-working people that

make up these two units.

"It's like winning the lotto twice over! I'm deeply pleased that the Officers' Club and our Marketing Department were named best in the Air Force and that I've had the opportunity to work with such a talented group of individuals," said Robyn Sleeth, 374 MSG Services Division director.

With innovations and emphasis on bringing the information to the customer, the Marketing Department redeveloped several marketing programs that helped bring an unprecedented number of people to Services facilities.

"I cannot say exactly what work or accomplishments stood

out as significant, but we are specifically proud of the part we played in helping the team at the Samurai Café prepare for the Pacific Air Forces' Food Service Excellence Award and Hennessey Award evaluations as well as the Texas Hold 'Em program," said Lisa Stevens, Marketing Department director. "We are also very proud of the 'U' program. Because of the impact the program had in the community, the awesome feedback from our customers and the overall success of the program, we feel like this was the crowning jewel of our award."

People who visited the Officers' Club know the programs there

were top-notch, including an Oktoberfest celebration and catering of more than 900 events.

"I'm ecstatic!" said Anthony Cala, Officers' Club director. "This is the second Air Force award in four years. In the short period of time I've been here, I can truly say this was a total effort."

While Yokota residents know the programs Services provides are top-notch, the entire Air Force now knows of the shining stars here who strive to provide their customers with the best service they've ever seen.

"The Officers' Club staff expertly handles daily lunch and dinner service for hundreds of patrons

a week, pulls off catered functions beyond count, and offers outstanding special events that bring in standing-room-only crowds. All of this is business as usual for the staff. The same goes for our Marketing Department – not only does Marketing promote the best Officers' Club in the Air Force, they also provide expert support and guidance to the third largest Services Division in the Air Force," said Mr. Sleeth. "The innovative programs, insightful marketing research and non-stop advertising developed and implemented by our Marketing staff are directly related to the success of the 374th Services Division."



courtesy photo

A father-son moment

Capt. Rico Dy, 36th Airlift Squadron C-130 Hercules pilot, gives the oath of reenlistment to his father, Master Sgt. Don Misa, 374th Communications Squadron May 5 in front of World War II-era flag found on Chuuk Island. Sergeant Misa said this is his last reenlistment as he hits more than 22 years in the Air Force this year. "This was a proud moment for both of us," said Captain Dy. "This is my first operational tour out of pilot training, and he was with me every step of the way including two deployments and the tsunami relief missions as my father, mentor and friend. It was an honor to reenlist him." Both father and son will be moving to different bases in the Air Force later this year.

25 Airmen graduate from leadership school

The base Airman Leadership School recently graduated its latest class of senior airmen who will soon join the ranks of noncommissioned officers.

Airmen received classroom instruction from April 24 to May 25.

Award-earning graduates are:

David Winkfield, 374th Operations Support Squadron, John L. Levitow Award;

Shannon Harris, 374th Communications Squadron, Distinguished Graduate;

Joshua Woods, 374th OSS, Distinguished Graduate;

Bob Fowlkes, 374th Civil Engineer Squadron, Leadership Award;

Billy Wheaton, 374th CS, Academic Achievement Award.

Graduates also included:

Michelle Aquino, 374th Mission Support Group; **Amber Bullis**, 374th Dental Squadron; **Luther Chase**, 730th Air Mobility Squadron; **Steven Conine**, 374th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Jose Cruzpagan III**, 374th CS;

Kimberly Divens, 374th Medical Support Squadron; **Ryan Franz**, 374th CS; **Paul Gaines**, 374th Security Forces Squadron; **Malcolm Haywood**, 374th CS; **Edwin Holt**, 374th CES;

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(Courtesy of the Airman Leadership School)

Airmen at Camp Zama vital to SATCOM

By Esther Dacanay

Camp Zama Public Affairs

Satellite Communications throughout U.S. Forces Pacific are improving overall mission readiness, thanks to a long-awaited upgrade to the 38-foot antenna and AN/GSC-52 satellite terminal equipment located at Operating Location C, 374th Communications Squadron, a U.S. Air Force tenant unit at Camp Zama.

OL-C is among the few SATCOM hubs in the Pacific serving as a major gateway for military communication services, including Secure Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRNET) for classified information, Non-secure Internet Protocol Router Network (NIPRNET) for unclassified information and various voice and data circuits for intelligence, weather and other special purposes. OL-C SATCOM also operates and maintains a mobile satellite for rapid deployment during contingencies, and can provide access into the global information grid for other units operating in the Pacific area of operations during deployments and bilateral exercise training. In addition, the OL-C Systems Control and SATCOM work centers provide mutual support to the 78th Signal Battalion at Camp Zama.

The old satellite system required more manpower, training time and hardware which took up additional space in the work area and money in long-term maintenance and repair.

"The upgrade has given life back to the system, saving money in the long run for maintenance and repair costs and allowing for more expansion capabilities" said Airman 1st Class Aaron P. Ogden, a SATCOM Apprentice with OL-C. "It also makes my job a lot easier and much safer. For example, in the new Elevated Equipment Room (EER), two people can do work that previously required four technicians."

With the old system, the EER, which houses high-power signal transmission amplifiers and various control circuits for the antenna, was subject to overheating at a temperature of 98 degrees in the summer, even with cooling units. Overheating

could cause a temporary shutdown of the system, affecting satellite signals and compromising communications. The upgrade is equipped with a new cooling system, which monitors the equipment and maintains the temperature at 65 degrees. However, the new system still requires scheduled maintenance from Heating, Ventilation and Cooling specialists.

The GSC-52 upgrade cost \$5 million and took nearly four months to complete, replacing aging and increasingly unsupportable analog equipment with digital equipment, extending equipment life up to at least fifteen years, according to Chief Master Sgt. Michael Ostermann, OL-C communications site chief.

"The upgrade provides a far more reliable system," said Chief Ostermann. "We are now in a better position to provide information superiority to all Pacific Command customers and forward deployed warfighters."

OL-C is also anticipating the completion of a second upgrade by the end of May, the Multiplexer Integration Defense Communications Subsystem – Automation System (MIDAS), according to Master Sgt. John D. Harshman, the SATCOM noncommissioned officer in charge.

"MIDAS will enhance the tactical war fighters' capability to communicate via satellite within one-third of the earth's surface inside the Pacific area of operations," said Sergeant Harshman.

"The 374th Communications Squadron plays a vital role in providing world-class communications for U.S. Army Japan," said Lt. Col. Mitchell L. Kilgo, 78th Signal Battalion commander, USARJ. "They operate and maintain the primary point of presence for communications on Honshu. I consider them key members of Team Signal and work very hard to ensure we embrace the concept of one team, one fight."

"It's not Air Force versus the Army," Sergeant Harshman said. "The Army has provided great support to us, and we take great pride in the support we provide to our many customers. We're not blue or green – we're simply a joint force working together towards the successful accomplishment of our mission."

Nihon-go now

⇒ Color Iro (ee-loh)	⇒ Purple Murasaki (moo-la-sah-kee)	⇒ Black Kuro (koo-loh)
⇒ Blue Ao (ah-oh)	⇒ Orange Orengi (oh-leh-n-gee)	⇒ Gray Haiiro (hah-ee-loh)
⇒ Green Midori (mee-doh-lee)	⇒ White Shiro (shee-loh)	⇒ Pink Pinku (pee-n-koo)
⇒ Yellow Kiiro (kee-loh)	⇒ Brown Chairo (ch-ah-ee-loh)	⇒ Red Aka (ah-ka)

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Civilian employee from 730th AMS shares in \$10,000 IDEA

By Senior Airman Katie Thomas
Editor

It pays to do your job, as one civilian at the 730th Air Mobility Squadron terminal found out recently.

Norzell Harris, along with two fellow civilians at the 733rd AMS at Kadena Air Base, Japan, were recently awarded \$10,000 for submitting an IDEA saving the Air Force more than \$2 million.

The Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program, or IDEA, awards cash to Air Force employees for submissions that improve the economy or efficiency of the government, said Naomi

Kumagai, IDEA program analyst.

Mr. Harris and his Kadena colleagues Ronald Wright and Jeffrey Williamson collected data on a particular mission flown every Saturday between the two bases after noticing it was not being used to its full potential.

“This mission was being terribly underutilized because the weekday missions took care of the majority of the cargo that needed moving,” said Mr. Harris. “We watched it for about six months and then submitted our data to the Air Mobility Command and the IDEA program hoping they would both come to the conclusion that the mission needed to be cancelled.”

Both AMC and IDEA agreed with the civilians.

Mr. Harris, terminal manager here, is familiar with the IDEA program through serving in the Air Force for 22 years then retiring as a senior master sergeant.

“It is amazing to me that we get paid extra to do this,” he said. “It is not rocket science or even brain surgery; it is just knowing and doing your job every day. That is how we came together and submitted our idea. Ideas are not hard to find because they will come with just doing your job.”

Mr. Harris said he encourages Airmen to take a look around their work centers

and base for IDEA submissions.

Ideas that are submitted through other process may also apply under the IDEA program, similar to how Mr. Harris and his colleagues did.

Every approved idea is awarded at least \$200 but no more than \$10,000. Awards are split if there are multiple individuals submitting the IDEA.

Ideas, inventions and scientific inventions are welcome for submission to the IDEA program. To submit an IDEA, visit <https://ipds.mont.disa.mil/ipdswarn.html>.

Yokota members can call 225-8144 with questions or concerns about the IDEA program.

Medical staff, facilities receive favorable reviews during inspection, survey

By Senior Airman Katie Thomas
Editor

The 374th Medical Group went under the microscope recently during a joint inspection and survey.

Held once every three years at Air Force military medical treatment facilities around the world, notification of the inspection and survey came just after the wing’s Operational Readiness Inspection.

“We were given our 30-day notification letter several weeks after the ORI, however this inspection and survey is something that we are always preparing for,” said Col. Mark Presson, 374th Medical

Group commander. “We constantly review and update our processes to meet new requirements, provide the best patient care and accommodate staff turnover.”

The survey was held May 16 to 18 by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Two civilian inspectors visited to see how the medical staff and facilities measured up to the standard, called the Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals.

The surveyors’ final comments included, “in the top 20 percent of small community hospitals in the U.S.,” and “very, very well done,”

considering overseas hospitals have extra challenges.

The JCAHO survey process asks facilities to respond to survey write-ups before reaccreditation. Until the process is complete, the facility continues to be accredited.

“We are very gratified by the surveyors’ positive comments and very favorable outlook for reaccreditation,” said the colonel.

The Health Services Inspection (HSI) was also held during the same week as JCAHO. Nine military inspectors visited to grade how well military-specific areas like flight medicine and deployment processes were performing.

The group received an “excellent,” which is the second highest rating that could be achieved. Specific areas also rated as “excellent” were clinical services, force fitness and population health. Deployment processes and worker health protection took “outstanding,” the highest rating possible.

“This inspection and survey are very important in the life of a military medical organization,” said Colonel Presson. “They are like a medical-specific Unit Compliance Inspection. Processes and the quality of healthcare are all evaluated.”

An area of concern for community members continues to be the

availability of Primary Care Managers in Family Practice. The colonel explained it is an area of concern for the hospital staff also, and they are doing their best to meet the needs of the community. However, due to the growing shortage of family practice doctors and need for them to deploy, the hospital here can be short-staffed at times.

“We are focused on taking our organization to the next level and these evaluations provided an excellent opportunity to do just that,” said the colonel. “Our combat medics prepared hard and stood tall, and we are very encouraged by the results and comments we received.”

AD

Deeds, words boil down to character

By Lt. Col. Michael Smith
459th Airlift Squadron

While assigned as a platoon leader in the 101st Airborne Division, my company's motto was "Deeds, not words." Over the years, I've seen various organizations with the same or similar mottos, never thinking about what they were trying to say.

Back in 1990 to 1991, I limited the meaning of "deeds" to very specific actions such as flying Blackhawks through enemy territory into potentially hot landing zones to put the troops into the fight. This was my youth-induced interpretation. It sounded gutsy and looked cool on the back of my t-shirt.

Fifteen years later, the motto means something totally different.

It's meaning now, more than anything, comes from watching people do their jobs day in and day out and seeing how they react to the cards that life deals them. It comes from watching how people respond to deployments, to difficult taskings, to disappointment, to tragedy.

Today "deeds" means character. It's got less to do with action and more to do with attitude. An attitude, not only of willingness to deploy, but an outwardly positive desire to do so. An attitude demonstrating service before self, personal sacrifice, and dedication. A contagious attitude that makes

going to work everyday a pleasure.

Luckily, my command has been highlighted by a squadron teeming with people with such an attitude.

These are dedicated Airmen more than willing to step outside of their job and head up huge wing projects such as Friendship Festival, the Combined Federal Campaign and Operation Air Force, all the while continuing to press hard with their primary duties and making the mission happen. These are dedicated Airmen, both married with children and single, chomping at the bit for the opportunity to deploy to Iraq for 365 days. These are Air Force leaders returning from

deployments, sharing their experiences with their supervisors, peers and subordinates and describing how fulfilling their deployment was.

Are you a talker or a doer?

Will you remain positive when tasked and throughout a deployment, or will you complain all the way to and from it, bringing everyone down around you?

Do you actively seek out opportunities to make Yokota a better place to live and work, or do you sit in your work center complaining about having nothing to do?

A lot of folks talk a good game, but when the chips are down, are you ready to step up to the plate?

'Would you like gasoline or water with your fire, sir?'

By Lt. Col. David Bobb
36th Medical Operations Squadron

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam (AFPN) – If you view yourself as a leader, take a moment to think about the people closest to you in your organization and what you are doing to develop those individuals.

I'm not talking about ensuring they complete their career development course or on-the-job training, but do you have a game plan for them? Are they growing and do they share your vision?

Most importantly, what are you doing to develop them into leaders? I mean real leaders, not just those who may be positional leaders.

One of your most important duties and greatest opportunities is to develop the leaders around you. If you think about it, not only is this beneficial to our Air Force and the person you are developing, it's equally important to you.

One thing I've seen repeatedly is that those closest to the leader will determine the success level of that leader. Likewise, they can determine the level of failure. With that in mind, consider the following.

First, what kind of leader are you? When there's a problem in your unit, a "fire" so to speak, many times you, as the leader, are the first on scene. When you arrive, you have a bucket in each hand. In one bucket is water, and in the other gasoline.

The fire before you will either become a greater problem because you poured the gasoline on it, or it will be extinguished because you used the water. Which bucket do

you think those closest to you see you using? More importantly, are you training them to use the bucket of gasoline or the bucket of water?

Now you may think it really doesn't matter because even if you use the gasoline, the fire will eventually burn out. However, look at the time and resources consumed, as well as the toll on people it may take to get to that point. How do you think those closest to you feel when the gasoline is poured on every little spark?

It's imperative you model the leadership traits you want to develop in others. You are the one they focus on and you are the one they will follow. If you put out fires with water, they will, too. They will become a leader in their own right who extinguishes fires with water, and over time, you will know you can depend on them to bring a second bucket of water instead of gasoline.

Second, lead with your vision and instill it in others. Some leaders forget to build and share a vision because they are too busy managing. It's easy to get caught up in meeting suspenses, writing reports and culling data without ever looking at the bigger picture. In other words, leaders need to ask, "Why are we doing this?" and "How does this fit into the goals and vision I have for this unit?"

If you don't take time to create and share a vision, then anyone's vision will do and everyone will have his own vision. An effective vision provides guidance and gives direction to a unit or organization.

This direction cannot come from Air Force instructions, policy manuals or organizational charts. It must be developed, shared and

modeled by the leader. Subsequently, as you model and share your vision, those around you will embrace it, too. As you develop the leaders around you, they will note that an effective vision can transform your organization.

Lastly, be sure your vision is big enough. Leaders with small visions never accomplish truly great things. Oh, they may get a line on a performance report, but in time, that line becomes meaningless. Perhaps the best example of a man with a large vision goes something like this:

Once upon a time, a traveler paused to rest in a small town. He saw an old man sitting on a bench in front of the only store in town and decided to sit next to him. After exchanging pleasantries, the traveler asked the old man, "You look like you have lived here your entire life. Can you tell me something this town is noted for?" After a brief pause, the old man replied, "Oh, I don't know, except it's the starting point to the world. You can start here and go anywhere in the world you want." Now that's a man with a large vision!

One of our greatest challenges as leaders is to create a similar vision in both ourselves and our Airmen. This means a vision that is big, that may take some time to achieve, but has the power to transform lives.

People may be unaware they are in such an environment and fail to take advantage of it, but you can help them realize that wherever they are, it can be their starting point to the world. True leaders will recognize this and create opportunities for growth as they build the leaders around them.



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Col. Scott Goodwin
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The Air Force Legal Operations Agency is working to make sure military members know their ...

Rights

By Jennifer Hensley
Fuji Flyer contributor

The exterior of Building 445 here at Yokota is relatively unremarkable.

With its beige paint and nondescript windows, it looks just like many of the buildings that surround it.

But it is what's inside that may surprise you.

Building 445 is home to the office of the Pacific Judiciary Circuit, part of an intricate system of military justice that operates under the Air Force Legal Operations Agency.

While there isn't a typical court room with gavels and jury boxes, there are judges, attorneys, and paralegals committed to keeping the scales of military justice in balance.

According to Judge Lt. Col. Eric Dillow, the Pacific Judiciary Circuit operates as a well-oiled machine. "We have a highly-qualified team of professionals functioning with a high level of ethics. It's an awesome process."

The Pacific Judiciary Circuit is one of five circuits in the Air Force and encompasses seven bases – three in Japan, two in Korea, one in Guam and one in Hawaii.

Chief circuit military judges preside over cases while Circuit Trial Counsels, or CTCs, serve as the prosecution side of military law.

"CTCs supervise the complex cases," said Colonel Dillow. "Whether here at Yokota or elsewhere in the circuit, they travel if necessary to provide a higher level of assistance where needed."

Although it is very much its own separate entity, the CTCs work closely to provide support assistance to offices like legal and the Office of Special Investigations, while the Circuit Defense Counsels, or CDCs, provide support to the Area Defense Counsel.

"We work closely to maintain a high level of ethics but we all have our own very important job to do," said Colonel Dillow. "We have a collegial and professional relationship with every organization we deal with."

Cases begin as violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or UCMJ. Each case is investigated thoroughly and then the offender's command makes a recommendation: pursue the charges or work them out at the squadron level. Once a charge has been preferred, or confirmed and evaluated, it's then sent on the court track. Everyone – from the offender's first sergeant, to the squadron commander to the wing commander – has to work together to come to a general consensus before the charge even makes it to the court track.



photo by Senior Airman Katie Thomas

(Left to right) Master Sgt. Guy Jaques, Capt. Elizabeth Pullin, Lt. Col. Margaret Ashmore and Maj. Jeffrey Ferguson review material for an upcoming case Tuesday afternoon. They are part of the Air Force Legal Operations Agency here which is responsible for cases tried in seven bases across Pacific Air Forces.

Colonel Dillow describes the Pacific Judiciary Circuit as anything but average. "We see about sixty cases a year, but there is no average year for us. Everything depends on a number of factors. We stay very, very busy."

Another facet of the Pacific Judiciary Circuit, the CDC assists Area Defense Counsels in providing defense services to clients in need of assistance. While preserving the constitution set forth by the UCMJ is critical, Lt. Col.

Margarete Ashmore insists safeguarding individual rights is equally important.

"We want to be sure our clients know their rights, that their rights are protected and that they are given a fair trial," she said. "We spend a lot of time making sure we've covered all our bases."

Most investigations into allegations take anywhere from one to two years. Just as in the civilian system, military personnel have the right to represent themselves and have several key choices after being charged with an offense. Their key decisions include, "the right to choose a trial by judge or a trial by jury," said Colonel Ashmore. "They also have the right to testify in their behalf."

While the Pacific Judiciary Circuit seems complicated, the premise is very simple: to protect the rights of both the military and its members. "We work very hard to maintain a high level of ethics," said Colonel Dillow. "It is amazing to see the wheels of justice in motion."

UCMJ

Get in
the know
about the
military's
'law of
the land'

The Uniformed Code of Military Justice outlines punishment for service-members when they commit a crime. The crimes described in the code include many military-specific crimes such as absence without leave and desertion.

Listed are a few of the commonly and not-so-commonly known offenses in the code by article number.

Article 78. Accessory after the fact
Article 81. Conspiracy
Article 85. Desertion
Article 86. Absence without leave
Article 92. Failure to obey order or regulation
Article 94. Mutiny or sedition
Article 101. Improper use of countersign
Article 104. Aiding the enemy
Article 105. Misconduct as prisoner
Article 106. Spies
Article 106a. Espionage

Article 107. False official statement
Article 111. Drunken or reckless driving
Article 112. Drunk on duty
Article 113. Misbehavior of sentinel
Article 114. Dueling
Article 117. Provoking speeches or gestures
Article 118. Murder
Article 119. Manslaughter
Article 122. Robbery
Article 123. Forgery
Article 131. Perjury

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Off base

Seibu Train Festa 2006: The Musashigaoka Sharyo Kenshu-jo, or train vehicle maintenance factory, is opening its doors for people to see and experience their trains, vehicles and facilities Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is a 12-minute walk from the Seibu Ikebukuro Line's Ko-rai station.

Tokyo Summerland: It is International Weekend at Tokyo Summerland June 24. Admission to the indoor and outdoor pool is free, and one ticket will admit up to three people. Five hundred tickets are available at the Yujo Recreation Center.

Soccer celebration: J-League player Miyamoto is producing a celebration at the Marunouchi Building near Tokyo Station. It features a café and historical soccer items. It will be on display until July 9.

On base

Movies

Today – *The Da Vinci Code*, PG-13, 6 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Saturday – *ATL*, PG-13, 2 p.m.; *Basic Instinct 2*, R, 6 p.m.; *The Da Vinci Code*, PG-13, 9:30 p.m. (adults only)

Sunday – *ATL*, PG-13, 2 p.m.; *The Da Vinci Code*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Monday – *The Da Vinci Code*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Tuesday – *Slither*, R, 7 p.m.

Wednesday – *The Da Vinci Code*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Thursday – *Basic Instinct 2*, R, 7 p.m.

All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. Call 225-8708.

FSC name change

All Air Force Family Support Centers are now known as Airmen and Family Readiness Centers (AFRCs). Only the name of the organization is changing.

Teaching English

The Airmen and Family Readiness Center is hosting a "Tips for Teaching English" class June 19 from 1 to 2 p.m. Call 225-8725.

Jasmine Trias

American Idol finalist Jasmine Trias is holding a concert at the Enlisted Club today at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members.

MDG hotline

Community members with ideas or suggestions for the medical facilities on base can e-mail 374mdg.cs@yokota.af.mil or call 225-4719.

Spouses club

The Medical Group Spouses Club* is open to all spouses of medical group employees. Call 227-4701.

Baccalaureate

The base chapel is hosting a baccalaureate service for the graduating senior class Saturday at 3 p.m. Students, families and friends are encouraged to attend. Call 227-9613.

Tax center

The base tax center hours are reduced as the tax season winds down. New hours are Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. People filing 1040EZ forms can use the walk-in hours, Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Visit Tower 3002 or call 225-4926.

The center is closing June 15. E-filing at the center ends June 13. Customers needing tax assistance after the closure must contact Staff Sgt. Courtney Johnson at 225-8924.

VBS

The base chapel is hosting Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 19 to 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration begins Thursday. Children who have completed kindergarten up through the fifth grade may attend. Call 225-3253 or 225-3347.

Tachikawa tour

The Airmen and Family Readiness Center is offering a free walking tour of the nearby city of Tachikawa June 9 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call 225-8725.

Tama shuttle

A free shuttle to Tama Hills is offered Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer. Call 225-9520 for departure and arrival times.

Neighborhood watch

The 374th Security Forces Squadron is encouraging residential community members to actively participate in the neighborhood watch program here to help reduce crime. Call 225-7244.

Mall tour

The Airmen and Family Readiness Center is offering a tour of the LaFete Tama Mall June 24 from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call 225-8725.

Bible studies

Protestant Women of the Chapel host Bible studies at the Traditional Chapel Thursdays beginning at 9 a.m., and at the base library Mondays beginning at 6:30 p.m. Call 225-7009.

Japanese cooking

A free Japanese cooking class is June 13 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center. Call 225-8725.

Tanabata Dancers

The Tanabata Dancers* are looking for new members to learn traditional Japanese dances and perform them at local festivals. Practices are in the activity room of Tower 2085 near the Enlisted Club Fridays at 6:30 p.m. E-mail tanabata_dancers@hotmail.com.

Yokota ITT

The Yokota Information, Tickets and Travel office is offering packages to destinations including Kamakura, Mt. Fuji, Nikko and Matsumoto Castle. Call 227-7083.

Pre-separation

Pre-separation briefings are scheduled for June 12 and 26 at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Call 225-8725.

Samurai Warrior



of the Week



Yoshiyuki Tamura

Yoshiyuki "Zenko" Tamura, Auto Hobby Center manager, 374th Services Division, is this week's Samurai Warrior of the Week for exhibiting the Bushido qualities of politeness and respect for etiquette, sincerity and respect for ones' word of honor and self-control.

Mr. Tamura leads a team of expert automotive repair instructors and mechanics in running one of the premier auto hobby shops in the Air Force. During the past year, he has introduced auto air conditioning service, detailing, audio system installation, window tinting and organized the First-ever Auto Hobby Car Show. He is also instrumental in organizing 35 musical acts for the upcoming Friendship Festival.

Dorm managers

The base housing office is looking staff to master sergeants to serve as dormitory managers in July and October. Applicants must have one year retainability to be considered for the position. Call 225-8045.

Deployed families

The Airmen and Family Readiness Center is offering a family deployed night June 16 beginning at 6 p.m. Call 225-8725 to register.

Volunteers

The Airmen and Family Readiness Center is asking all community members who volunteer or would like to volunteer to call 225-8725 or send an e-mail to tracie.hathorn@yokota.af.mil.

Pre-deployment

A pre-deployment briefing is held every Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend the briefing. Call 225-8725.

Correction

The photos titled "Something to dance about" on the front page of the May 26 edition of the *Fuji Flyer* incorrectly identified a dancer as Ivey White. Her name is actually Iyana White.

Chapel Schedule

Traditional (West) Chapel

Catholic: Mass, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant: Traditional service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Liturgical service Sundays at 12:30 p.m.; Seventh Day Adventists, Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Contemporary (East) Chapel

Protestant: Gospel service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Korean Service, Sundays at 2 p.m.; Contemporary service, Sundays at 5 p.m.

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“Quotes” & Things

“It is better to be quiet and ignorant than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.”

John McNamara

Baseball: The Yokota Hawks baseball team needs two more competitive players to fill out its roster. The season runs through November. Players must be 18 years or older. Call 090-9967-4700.

Circuit training: The Natatorium hosts circuit training Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Outdoor pool: The base’s outdoor pool is open throughout the summer from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Call 225-7246.

Scuba Lessons: The next open water certification class is Saturday and Sunday at the Natatorium for basic skills, and continues June 17-18 at Izu Peninsula for open water practical application. The cost is \$280 plus trip expense. Call the Finatics Dive Club at 227-2545.

Indoor cycling: These classes are held at the Natatorium Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday at 9 a.m.

Fit Mom: Pregnant mothers are invited to exercise in the pool at the Natatorium Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. through a special program offered through the Health And Wellness Center.

Home Safety Month: June marks this event. Families should remember to test smoke detectors and lock up household chemicals, among other ways, to keep their home safe.

730 AMS, 36 AS top teams at sports day



photo by Airman 1st Class John Albea

Above, teams battle through sand volleyball brackets during Safety and Sports Day at Snyder Park May 25. The 374th Operations Support Squadron took first in volleyball.



photo by Airman 1st Class Javier Cruz



photo by Airman 1st Class John Albea

Left and above, softball was another big hit at the Safety and Sports Day. Placing first this year was the 730th Air Mobility Squadron; in second was the 374th Maintenance Squadron; taking third was the 374th Contracting Squadron.

By Senior Airman Katie Thomas
Editor

It was all sun and fun for the 374th Airlift Wing and associate units May 25 during the annual safety and sports day.

Airmen and their families kicked off the four-day weekend with events like one-pitch softball, sand volleyball, tug of war, tennis, basketball and co-ed golf.

The 36th Airlift Squadron took home the most points for participation and wins, claiming first in the small unit category. The team won tug of war, the swim medley and co-ed golf competitions.

In the large unit category, the 730th Air Mobility Squadron took first place. Among their wins were one-pitch softball, and both the male and female category in the Samurai Challenge triathlon.

Also in the winner’s circle were the 374th Communications Squadron; 374th Civil Engineer Squadron; 374th Maintenance Squadron; and 374th Medical Group.

Competing organizations were given points for participation and for placing first, second or third in an event. Traveling trophies are awarded to the top small and large units each year.



photo by Airman 1st Class Brian Kimball

Above, base members also competed in co-ed golf. The 36th Airlift Squadron claimed first place.

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